

JAMES B. DUKE WEDDED TO-DAY

Multi-Millionaire Head of Tobacco Trust, Thought to Be a Confirmed Bachelor, Becomes a Benedict.

BEAUTIFUL MRS. M'CREDY
IS NOW MRS. DUKE.

Wedding, Which Took Place at Camden, N. J., Culmination of Romance—Engagement Was a Secret, Ceremony Private.

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 29.—James Buchanan Duke, the multi-millionaire President of the American Tobacco Company, was married here this afternoon to Mrs. L. N. McCredy. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Lewis Seal, at No. 217 Cooper street, and was very quiet, only a few of the most intimate friends of the couple being present.

Mr. Duke's friends, who long ago made up their minds that he was wedded to bachelorhood, will be somewhat surprised to hear of his marriage. Most of them had no intimation that he contemplated matrimony, although a few suspected something from the recent elaborate additions and improvements which have been made on his magnificent estate at Somerville, N. J.

As a matter of fact Mr. Duke and Mrs. McCredy had been engaged for a long time, and the ceremony would have taken place months ago but for Mr. Duke's determination to postpone it until he could safely leave the steering of his tremendous business interests to other hands. For weeks Mr. Duke has been at work night and day perfecting the consolidation of the principal outside tobacco interests of the country with the American Tobacco Company. This consolidation was consummated a short time ago and Mr. Duke and Mrs. McCredy decided that there was no longer any reason for delay.

Told but Few.

They took less than a dozen people into their confidence, and by the time most of Mr. Duke's friends heard of his marriage he and his bride will be on their way to Europe to enjoy a two months' honeymoon.

The wedding to-day was very simple in character. The home of Mrs. Seal was a perfect bower of roses and greens, and the company, although few in numbers, was a very telling one. A wedding breakfast followed the ceremony, and the bride and bridegroom, after receiving the congratulations of their friends, started away. To-morrow they sail for Europe on the *Boomer*. They will spend a week in Paris, a month in Italy and two or three weeks in London, returning about Feb. 1.

The wedding was the culmination of a romance of several years' standing. Mrs. McCredy is a very beautiful and accomplished woman, who has long been a favorite in society. She is a splendid musician, but a more beautiful voice than her marriage to Mr. Duke probably means the throwing open to society of the great Duke estate at Somerville. Mr. and Mrs. Duke mean to make their home there for the greater part of the year, although they will have a town house as well, on Fifth avenue, New York.

Mistress of Splendid Estate.
Mr. Duke's wedding gift to his bride was a magnificent diamond necklace, one of the handsomest jewels of its kind ever put together in this country.

On her return to this country in February Mrs. Duke will be the mistress of what is perhaps the finest country estate in the United States. Mr. Duke before his marriage was the second richest bachelor in America, and he has been in the outlay of money in the improvements to the place. Three hundred and fifty men are at work there now. The already great mansion is to be almost doubled and another lake is to be put in. A new reservoir is also to be built. This work has been going on for some time and is almost completed. The good folks of the surrounding country, wondering what in the world a lone bachelor wanted to make the place larger for, started a story some time ago that Mr. Duke was to be married. It was just a guess on their part, however, and until to-day they didn't know how squarely they had hit the nail on the head.

Some idea of the extent and beauty of the home where Mr. Duke is so soon to bring his bride can be gathered from the fact that it contains over 1,000 acres all under perfect cultivation, is almost as large as John D. Rockefeller's demesne, and is about three times as large as Central Park. No other bachelor in the country owned such a place. The conservatories on the place are second only to those at the Bronx Botanical Gardens. The great Italian fountain alone represents an outlay of \$200,000 and scattered about the grounds there is statuary valued at \$250,000.

One can travel over fifteen miles of the farm without crossing the same road twice, and everywhere is the pasture and gold foliage, the perfectly kept lawns, the macadamized drives and the beauty of a place maintained without regard to expense and with perfect taste.

Handsome New Residence.

Mr. Duke has always kept his place open to the public, but in spite of this generosity he has been much annoyed by vandals. Whether Mr. Duke's marriage will result in the closing of this place to the general public is not known, but in view of his experience in public entertainments, it is probable he will be blamed if he did what Mr. Rockefeller did and shut the sightseers out. There are numerous lakes on the place, all well stocked with fish. The stables are models of luxury, built on the lines of old castles, the partitions between the stalls being of beautiful iron. Oil paintings adorn the walls, and the finest selection of horse flesh is to be found there. The clubhouse and other buildings on the place are luxurious beyond description, and the new house Mr. Duke is building will be one of the finest country residences in the world. The building alone, without furniture, will cost in the neighborhood of \$750,000.

The conduct of this vast estate has been in the hands of a young girl, Miss Margaret Seal. She has been trained to every detail of the management of the estate, and when Mrs. Duke takes over the reins will be invaluable as an assistant to her.

Tobacco Industry's Master.
Mr. Duke has given many house par-

MRS. J. B. DUKE, BRIDE OF THE MILLIONAIRE TOBACCO KING



ties on his place in the past and is very fond of entertainment, so that society may look forward to some lively social seasons when the new mistress of the "Farm" gets back from Europe. James B. Duke is one of the hardest working millionaires in the world. There is never a day that he doesn't put in ten hours and sometimes a good deal more. He is the son of a poor farmer of Durham, N. C., who started a small tobacco business in order to recoup his losses at the close of the civil war. James B. Duke entered the business with his father, and it prospered until the famous firm of Duke Brothers was formed.

MRS. CLEVELAND TO VISIT ART EXHIBIT.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Richard Watson Gilder, with a number of friends, will attend the Comparative Exhibition of Native and Foreign Art under the auspices of the Society of Art Collectors at No. 555 Fifth avenue.

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L. V. BELL WINS POINTS IN SUIT

Broker Need Not Turn Over for Evelyn Clarke's Inspection \$28,000 Bonds and Accounts in His Possession.

NO EVIDENCE BOOKS
HAVE MATERIAL MATTER.

Loses Motion Asking to See the Alleged Stolen Letter Held by the Woman Claiming to Be His Wife.

Evelyn M. Clarke Bell, whose title to the last half of the name is questioned by Louis V. Bell, the Hoffman House millionaire broker and club man, in a law suit brought by him to enjoin her from calling herself his wife, and to have it judicially determined that she is not his wife, loses in two motions made in her behalf before Justice Clarke, in the Supreme Court, and gains only a half victory in a third motion.

The first is in "Action No. 1," which is her suit to recover \$28,000 worth of bonds which she says Broker Bell holds in a Garfield Safe Deposit vault, the bonds being the proceeds of a sale of property belonging to her.

Cannot See Bell's Books.
She asked permission to inspect these bonds and incidentally, Louis V. Bell's accounts, to get information necessary in framing her complaint.

Bell gave her a list and description of the bonds in his answering affidavit, and offered her the privilege of inspecting them. Justice Clarke says she may avail herself of this offer, but she can't see Bell's books.

The second motion is in "Action No. 2," which is her suit to compel an accounting of these \$28,000 and of \$30,000 worth of bonds which he gave to her March 7, 1899, and deposited in their joint names in the safe-deposit vault, and which are referred to by a writing made by him that day saying that he had marked these bonds as "Given away this day."

The motion was to inspect these bonds and Bell's books for the record of the suit, and Justice Clarke denies this also, on the ground that Bell "absolutely denies that there were any such bonds in the vault on that day or for months thereafter," and the Court cannot compel to produce things that do not exist. As to the submission of the books of the suit, Justice Clarke says that she has given him no evidence that she has the right to see them, and he is not to be compelled to produce them.

The third motion is that of Louis V. Bell in "Action No. 3," in which he asked to see the "writing" which is the foundation for Mrs. Clarke-Bell's suit. He alleges that this "writing" must be inspected by him to enable him to frame his answer to her complaint.

This is the letter which she says Bell delivered to her when he made the \$28,000 gift, "as a provision for her after his death." He says it was never given to her, but was placed in a sealed envelope "to be opened after my death" and was stolen from his desk.

Any way, Bell says, it was a contingent gift, not to become absolute until his death, and revocable at any time. That he discovered improprieties on the part of the woman who had been known as Mrs. Bell for years, and thereupon separated from her, revoked the gift and sued to have it judicially declared that Evelyn M. Clarke, sometimes called Bell, is not his wife.

Justice Clarke denied the motion on the ground that no complaint has as yet been served on Bell, but with leave to renew it whenever the complaint is served and hints that then it will be granted.

TALLAHASSEE CLUB DANCE.

All the District Leaders Will Attend the Affair To-Night.

Should you have any business with a city official or a Tammany district leader to-night, don't look for him at the district headquarters or his club, for he will not be there. To find him you will have to go to the Lexington Avenue Opera-House. In Fifty-eighth street, near Third avenue, at the reception and ball of the Tallahassee Club.

Mayor McClellan is expected, and every box in the theatre has been reserved by men prominent in politics. All the old leaders and all the young aspirants for their places will be present. An elaborate entertainment has been arranged for, and dancing will follow.

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Christmas Shopping At The Big Store.

Thousands of people are taking advantage of the innumerable Christmas shopping opportunities extended to them at this early date. Early Christmas buying typifies wisdom in many phases. You buy when stocks are at their fullest.

Each day sees The Big Store a more brilliant Christmas Store. Ideal in every respect. Shopping is a delight. Everything to interest. Gifts suitable to everybody's requirements. The biggest, brightest and best Christmas Store in New York. Powerfully popular prices.

Double "S. & H." Green Trading Stamps Mornings from 8.30 till 12 O'Clock. Thereafter Single, Stamps Until Closing Hour.

Pictures as Christmas Gifts. Special Sale of Timely Interest.

Values throughout this display are remarkable. In fact, they cannot be matched in New York. The showing is so extensive and embraces such a diversity of subjects and styles of frames that the scope of selection is incomparable and almost limitless. This sale has been in anticipation for months. Sprinkled in the offering will be found some odds and ends taken from the regular stock, which are offered at ridiculously low prices. Included in the presentation are

Carbon Prints, Etchings, Photogravures, Photo Colors, Sepias, Platinums and Paintings.

For holiday shoppers this sale offers the greatest inducements.

PHOTO COLORS—Extra large size; gilt frame, size 18x24, 3.75
COLORED LANDSCAPES—Gilt, 2-in. wide frames, matched corners, 90c
GAME PANELS—8-inch dark frame; gilt picture for the dining-room; 90c
PARTIALS—Special reductions on all partials.
18x24 PASTEL, gilt and gold frame, size 18x24, 11.50
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FRUIT PICTURES—Dark frame, gilt, size 18x24, 90c
EVANGELINE PUCILLA—Gilt frame, gilt metal corners; also other large variety of subjects; choice, gilt, 95c
COLORED PICTURES—14-inch frame, matted or framed; full size; choice, 25c
COLORED PICTURES—Green or white mats; large size; choice, 39c
HANDSOME PARTIALS—Sweep ornament, gilt and bronze from small quantity will be sold at 4.50
PHOTO COLORS—Ornamental gilt frame; size 18x24; subject, "The Artist's Studio," 2.25
PHOTO COLORS—Florentine gilt frame; gilt, matted; the latest style; 15 LANDSCAPES by Artist 15.00
sets; good quality at \$5.00; special, 2.75

Paints.

GOLD PAINTS.
GERSTENDORFER GOLD ENAMEL; large size, 75c; medium size, 50c; small size, 35c.
GOLD PAINT; large size, 75c; medium size, 50c; small size, 35c.
SPECIAL GOLD PAINT, ready for use.
ALUMINUM PAINT, unalterable, water-proof, brilliant in color and lasting; 1-pint size, 45c; 1/2-pint size, 25c; 1/4-pint size, 15c.
Ready Mixed Paints.
All colors, guaranteed, 1-gallon size, 60c; 1-lb. size, 30c; 1/2-pint size, 11c; 1/4-pint size, 5c.
Varnish and Hard Oil Finish, 1-gallon size, 45c; 1-pint size, 25c; 1/2-pint size, 11c; 1/4-pint size, 5c.
Enamel Paints.
All colors, guaranteed, 1-gallon size, 60c; 1-lb. size, 30c; 1/2-pint size, 11c; 1/4-pint size, 5c.
Floor Paints.
1-gallon size, 60c; 1-lb. size, 30c; 1/2-pint size, 11c; 1/4-pint size, 5c.

Fur Robes for Baby Carriages.

Ideal Gifts for Children.

These exquisite Fur Robes appeal to young mothers mainly on account of their warmth, excellent qualities and patterns that are both unique and attractive. Baby will appreciate being tucked in snugly and warmly, and these excellent Robes fill their wants. No better remembrance to a friend's child can be imagined.

Because of an elaborate purchase we obtained a considerable discount on this assortment, and thus are enabled to offer these Robes at this range of remarkably low prices:

1.49, 2.75, 3.75 and 5.25.

(First Floor, Front.)

Curtain Stretchers.

NO. 1 FOLDING CURTAIN STRETCHERS, 6x12, stationary pins two inches apart, triple nickel plated, measuring rule printed on the entire frame, by which the stretchers are adjusted to various sizes of curtains, strong and firm, positively cannot sag, easily handled, take up very little room; for 55c

NO. 3 STRETCHERS, 7x14, similar to No. 1 in construction with exception of the size, 85c

(Basement.)

The Stove Section Offers Money-Saving Features To-Morrow.

To-morrow will be a day of interest to all shopping for Stoves or Heaters. Our stove man has determined to make it a day of money saving chances, and a glance at the underlined list and its low prices will tell why economical folk should be attracted here Wednesday.

MODEL OIL HEATING STOVES, central draught burners, large cylinder body, safe from smoke or odor, easy to handle, can be carried from room to room with perfect safety; for one day 2.25
ALUMINUM CENTRAL DRAUGHT OIL HEATER, No. 1, made entirely of steel, Russia iron drums, patented cylinder and liner, all these heaters are carefully examined and tested before leaving our establishment; cold water, hot water, or steam can be carried from room to room; found holding 10 lbs. oil; for one day 2.75
COAL COOKING STOVES, "Our Navy," made entirely of extra heavy castings, double boiler, for one day 8.00
No. 7, regular price, \$11.50; special, 7.00
CYLINDER PARLOR STOVES—Russia iron, heavy castings, 8-inch fire, safe from smoke or odor, easy to handle, can be carried from room to room with perfect safety; for one day 2.15
FLIRT CYLINDER STOVES—Most powerful heating stove on the market, made of sheet iron with heavy castings, do not include dumping grate, inside cover, bronze top ornament, anti-rust, safe, iron door, nickel knobs and each part; for one day 7.50
No. 11, 8.00
No. 10, 7.00
No. 9, 6.00
No. 8, 5.00
YORK STAR SQUARE PARLOR STOVES, self-feeder, direct draught, safe from smoke or odor, safe from fire, bronze top ornament, large firepot; for one day 10.50
No. 10, 10-inch firepot, 10.50
No. 9, 9-inch firepot, 8.00
All the above stoves are for Wednesday's sale only; cannot be duplicated the following day at the above prices.
GAS RADIATORS, 4 Russia iron tubes, 1 jewel front, standing 23 inches high; for one day only, 1.25
CYLINDER GAS STOVES, Star brand, good also; special for one day, 75c (Basement.)

Serviceable Winter Shoes for Women at 1.95

THIS ASTOUNDING SALE IS CONTINUED, presenting the extraordinary values that have created such a decided stir with shoppers and also with an enormous new lot of Shoes made on the Goodyear welt process added. Those who have been accustomed to paying \$3.50 at the specialty stores for their footwear, find in this offering remarkable values. This line of Shoes at \$1.95 will compare favorably with women's shoes of a much

higher price. Wearing ability is the first essential when considering the purchase of Shoes at a lowered price, and in this respect this showing certainly is important. They were all made under unusual conditions, the closest attention being accorded the most minute details. Leathers were selected with special care, the lasts were those approved by the leading manufacturers and the workmanship was performed under a rigid test. While superior quality is so predominant in every pair, as is evinced in the illustrations, the styles are those now in popular favor. All the good styles are represented, as well as the best leathers, and correct fit is assured, as there are eight patterns in all sizes.

This Offering Deserves Immediate Attention.

(Consolidated Shoe Store, Second Floor.)

To-Morrow In The World's Greatest Grocery.

Representatives of Everything That's Good to Eat. This busy section of The Big Store is now ready with every article of food the housewife or chef could need for banquet or regular consumption. The choicest delicacies from every quarter of the globe are assembled in varieties seldom offered at such moderate prices. Every table groans beneath its weight of good things. Everything is appetizing, everything is fresh, wholesome and palatable. There is nothing a housewife could need and not find here. The best market affords and the lowest prices it quotes.

FLOUR—"Fountain" brand, extra fine quality Minnesota spring wheat flour, 10-lb. barrel, 45c; 5-lb. sack, 25c; 10-lb. sack, 45c.
CRACKERS—New Year Cookies, German Biscuits, Pretzels, Lemon Drops, Fruit Cakes, Jumbles, Capitol Town, Boston Butter Cakes, for 10c; 2-lb. cake, 20c.
MIXED CAKES—Per lb., 25c; 4-lb. tin, 1.00.
COFFEE—"Lunchbox Blend," a perfect blend of Java coffee, excellent for home use, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb., 20c.
HONEY—"Beetle" brand, absolutely pure, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb., 20c.
JAMS—Home-made Pure Fruit Jams, raspberry, strawberry and all other flavors, absolutely pure and free from adulteration, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb., 20c.
SEEDS—Raisins, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb., 20c.
Blue Ribbon Brand; 1-lb. size, 35c; 1/2-lb. size, 20c.
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COFFEE—"Lunchbox Blend," a perfect blend of Java coffee, excellent for home use, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb., 20c.
HONEY—"Beetle" brand, absolutely pure, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb., 20c.
JAMS—Home-made Pure Fruit Jams, raspberry, strawberry and all other flavors, absolutely pure and free from adulteration, 5-lb. tin, \$1.00; per lb.,